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Sharing the gifts



Ronald Jones, PVAMU Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services, addresses representatives from State Farm to express his appreciation for their donation of new monitors and computers to students working in his decision.



With less than a month left in 1999, many religious groups are preparing for doomsday.

Throughout history there have been numerous predictions about the ending of time with the year 2000 being one of the most popular.

However there is still a large portion of the population that is neither worried about the end of the world or the Y2K bug that has been a major topic of discussion since the year began.

These people do not plan to do anything different at the end of this year than they have done in previous years.

27

days left
until The
Year 2000

Former PVAMU student leader dies unexpectedly

By Joyce Dixon
Editor-in-Chief

Former Panther, Karron Chamaine Henderson, died Friday, Nov. 26 in Austin, Texas.

Henderson attended Prairie View A&M University for three years until the spring of 1998 when she transferred to Huston-Tillotson College in Austin to complete her baccalaureate degree.

While attending PVAMU, Henderson joined Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, was the Editor-in-Chief of The Panther and a member of PVAMU's band, the Marching Storm.



Karron Chamaine Henderson, center, poses with members of Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority.

Funeral services for Henderson were held Nov. 30 at Mout Zion Baptist Church

in Austin.

Friends remember Henderson as a very friendly and energetic person who will be greatly missed.

"Chamaine loved to serve people without needing thank yous or praises. While a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma... she showed her ability to lead, serve, and be a great friend," said Sigma

Sigma President Cristal Johnson.

Twenty-five-years-

old, Henderson was born May 15, 1974 to Ruby and Charles Henderson of Austin.

A memorial service for Henderson will be held Saturday, December 4 at the All-Faiths Chapel on the campus of PVAMU.

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VIEWPOINTS

Millennium Madness

Strange inventions usher in new year



By Joyce Dixon
Editor-in-Chief

This millennium has brought many great inventions to people all over the world over.

Without the creative talents or the mistakes that caused the inventions, life would be harder to live on a daily basis.

Inventions of the millennium that many could not imagine living without today include refrigerators, central heating, air conditioning, computers, bulletproof vests and even the artificial heart. These items have become an irreplaceable part of our daily lives.

In addition to good and helpful inventions, there have also been some, how should I say this.....weird and absurd inventions.

Recently Columbus, Ohio-based Breakaway Foods developed a new "push 'n' eat" food called IncrEdibles.

The Christian Science Monitor reports it to be "the first-ever truly portable, microwaveable convenience food for time-starved customers."

The new line of food includes a breakfast entree of scrambled eggs, bacon and cheese, and macaroni and cheese. There are other entrees for dinner.

For their creativity and perseverance in making life a little easier for the person-on-the-go, I commend Breakaway Foods. But call me just a little old-fashioned

because I like my food on a plate.

This next invention, although absurd, may have some usefulness.

How many of you have ever been aroused in the middle of the night with the overwhelming urge to use the bathroom? I'm sure everyone has.

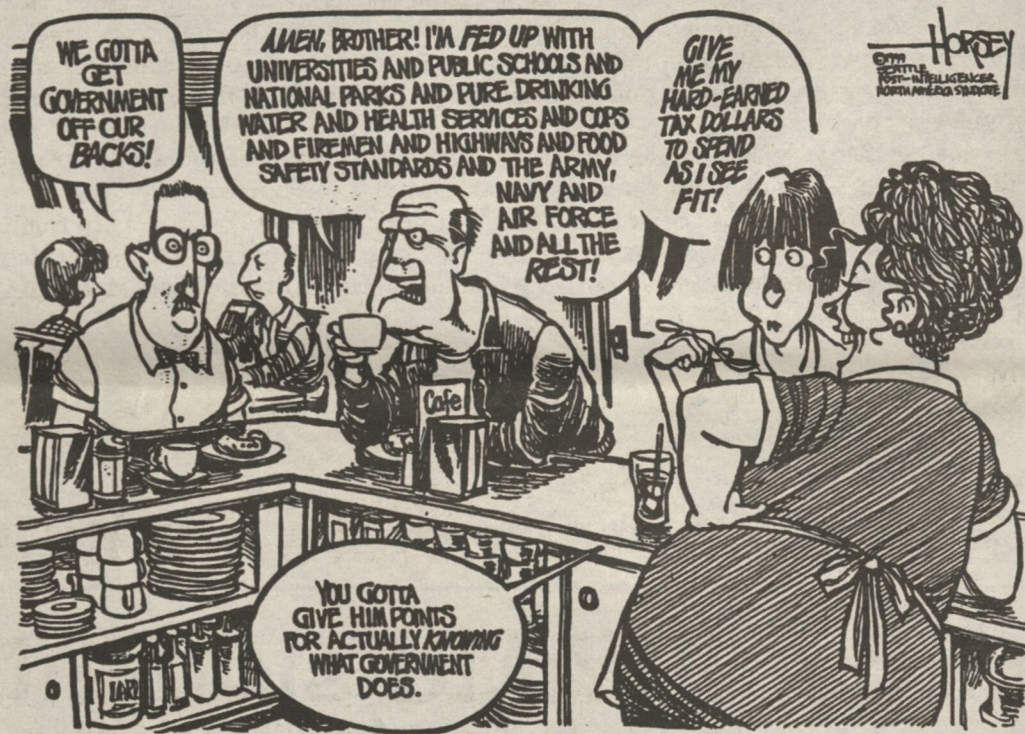
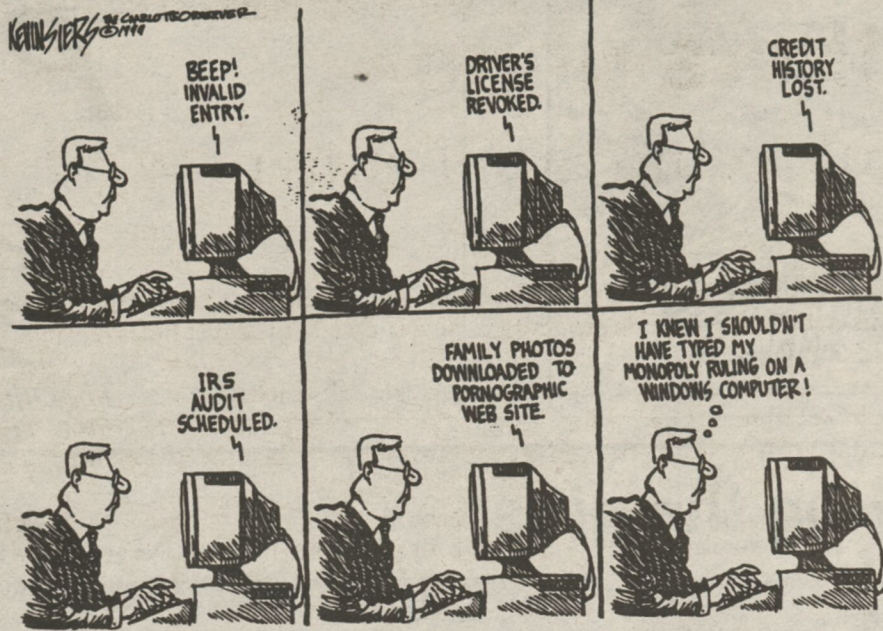
If you are too sleepy to turn on the lights or if you live with a male, this could pose a problem. That's why toilet landing lights were invented. This invention is sure to prevent spill-ins and missed targets.

Motorcycle airbags are sure to be a must on every rider's Christmas list this year. These fashionable inflatable suits were designed to cushion a rider's fall during accidents causing the rider to be thrown from the bike. Using compressed gas, the suit inflates to protect the entire body except, of course, the finger tips.

Ladies you will definitely enjoy this next invention which is by far my favorite yet: Pantyhose x3. This three-legged pantyhose is by no means a fashion mistake. It was created to eliminate the embarrassment caused by unsightly and unwanted runs.

There is no longer a need to carry that spare pair of hose. The owner of this

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VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brothers unite

Students come together to pray for peace, unity

Dear Editor,

God works miracles! God is always on time and if you don't know him it's about that time to get to know him. No, I didn't write this article to persuade students to give their life to Jesus; however, just to notify everyone that if you need any assistance, please call on God.

His miraculous signs were evident at the Unifying Brothers Seminar, Prayer, Picnic, and Worship in the Chapel. I was a few minutes late, but once I arrived at the All Faiths Chapel, there were close to 70 men and women in attendance.

The "Unifying Brothers" program was organized with the intentions of bringing together the five Greek fraternities on the 'Hill'.

However, once the program took place I realized that it went beyond the Greek fraternity aspect because this unity had to involve students and faculty as well because we all came here as Panthers before we joined any organizations. Maybe, some of you may not realize that we all attended the same freshman orientation and attended the Baby Dome Parties featuring DJ A.D. on the turntables.

However, once individuals decide to join a fraternity or sorority, they sometimes tend to forget the domino games we all played in Holley Hall or even those anticipated spade tournaments in Drew Hall.

I have been here for four years and it's time to make a change because I am tired of all of us disrespecting one another because of his or her organizational preference. My people, it's time for us to wake up! My brothers and sisters, before we can even unite as a people, we all need to put our trust in God because He is the only one who can break this curse of negativity we have against each other.

In closing, I am very thankful for the "Unifying Brothers Committee" because it consists of brothers who are not in Greek and non-Greek fraternities as well as those who are not in any organizations.

As a result of this union the brothers gather for prayer every Wednesday in front of the water fountain at 11:50 a.m. We pray for unity, peace, and togetherness at 12:00 p.m. Please note that anyone can participate in "Unifying Brothers" because the time is now for all of us to unite as Panthers, and be known as Prairie View Men and Women instead of mere individuals on campus.

Sincerely,
Jason Cornelius Williams

Dolls make supporters 'Panther' proud

Thank you President Hines and Ronald Jones for supporting the new dance squad, "Panther Dolls," sponsored by Pamela Thomas in Student Activities.

We want to thank you for being our only major supporters. We would like to also thank everyone who has contributed to the squad by donations, fund-raisers, etc. This is our first year and things have been hectic trying to raise monies for uniforms, buying music, etc. If it wasn't for Mr. Ronald Jones, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Dr. Charles Hines, President of Prairie View A&M University, Panther Dolls would not exist. We want to extend our heartfelt thank you once again and we will make you Panther Proud.

Pamela Thomas and the Panther Dolls
1999-2000

The Panther goes online

The Panther Staff:

I am very pleased to see you online! Please continue to enhance your publication and this site. I have noticed improvements in your publications so far this year. Keep it up.

Ronald E. Jones, Vice President
Student and Enrollment Services

Submission Policy for Letters to the Editor

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creative masterpiece (and I use the term loosely) can simply and discretely turn the top of the hose to reveal the extra, run-free leg in no time. Once changed, the ruined leg is stored safely and secretly in a pocket located in the crotch.

Some other absolutely useless and absurd products that have not yet received patents include waterproof teabags, motorcycle air-conditioning, a wheelchair equipped with pedals, an inflatable dartboard, fireproof matches and instant water.

Instant water is a powder that immediately dissolves in water to recreate the satisfying and quenching qualities of water. Surprisingly, it actually tastes like water.

Although many of these inventions are not useful for anything other than a good laugh, you have to give credit to the inventors for being creative. Not.

In essence, these products could never be useful for anything other than filling people's ever growing desire to acquire junk.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Financial aid enhances global competitiveness

Federal rules make foreign travel more accessible for college students

Patrina A. Bostic
News Editor

Study abroad has never been cheap, and for years, only the well-off have been able to spend a semester exploring Ghana or dining at exotic cafes in France.

But study abroad programs are becoming accessible to more students, thanks in part to changes in federal financial aid rules.

Until this month, a PVAMU student has never been approved to use federal financial aid for study abroad expenses.

Using all types of federal aid for study abroad is legal as long as the student is eligible and the school has approved the program and courses to be taken abroad for credit.

"It's a student's right to participate in study abroad programs," said Max Wardrup, director of special projects in finance and administration at PVAMU.

But the process can be rigorous.

In order to receive federal aid toward foreign study, PVAMU must sign a consortium or contractual agreement with the school the student is planning to study at or through, said Robert Dean, with the U.S. Department of Education.

The PVAMU Center for International and Area Studies (CIAS) office, which opened last fall, initiates the written agreement between the two schools.

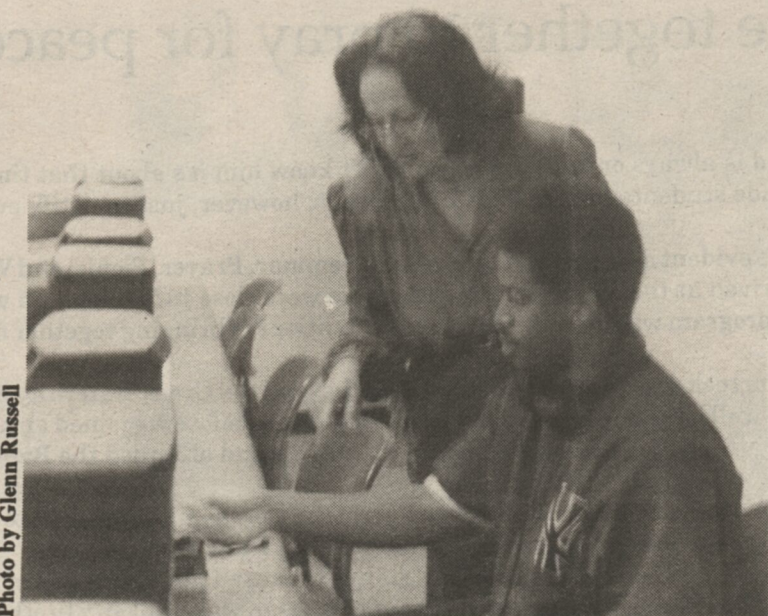
Wardrup gives advice to students when a contractual agreement is involved:

"Start early, keep following up on the process and continue to be persistent.

"You have to consider that it involves numerous actions from different departments.

"Each entity reports to the other and that's part of what complicates the process," he said.

But Wardrup said students shouldn't be discour-



Dr. Olga Adair assists a student in the foreign language lab located in the Delco building. She stresses that the facility is one tool that PVAMU offers to prepare students for study abroad..

aged.

"It's a blessing that students are able to use their federal aid for study abroad education," said Gloria Armstrong, financial aid counselor. "We need to expand and get a feel for how other

people live in the world."

The number of Americans studying abroad in the past decade has doubled to over 100,000 annually, according to the Institute of International Education, based in New York City.

"The more you learn, the more you can take diverse experiences and incorporate them into something new and different, said Dr. Henri Bailey, Associate Provost and Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

"And the more you will be in demand and in control of your own life."

Dr. Olga Adair, assistant professor of Spanish agreed.

"Globalization is here and students must be prepared to be a part of a fast growing interdependent world, she said.

"PVAMU foreign language lab is a spring board for preparing students for study abroad education."

To learn more about using federal aid for foreign study, students should contact Financial Aid Services and CIAS office.

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Program brings scholars back to university

Kalyn Bullock
Managing Editor

A year has gone by and Prairie View A&M University is coming back with a honors program to benefit students.

At one time PVAMU had the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, but it is no longer in existence.

Now headed by Dr. Cornelius, coordinator, Dr. Benita Bailey, director, and Ms. Gwendolyn Toney, administrative assistant to the program, the University Scholars Program (USP) is coming to the campus of PVAMU.

USP focuses on academically gifted students through a variety of extracurricular activities and programs.

The main attraction for the USP are those who are

highly creative, academically focused, and interested in pursuing a doctorate or professional degree.

"The purpose of the program is to get scholars back into the University and to address the needs of students who are high achievers, said Bailey.

"It is important to have a honors college program because it gives those students who are high achievers a chance to be recognized and also allows them to stand out from the rest of the student body," she said.

The program acronym SMART better describes what it is about: **Scholarship-based.** The program encourages students and faculty to seek and participate in various scholarships.

Mentor-supported. Faculty members are dedicated to assist, offer guidance, and

support to the selected student scholars in the program.

Achievement-oriented. Focuses on achievement activities which includes seminars, honors colloquium, and experiential opportunities.

Research-enhanced: Students are allowed to participate in summer research programs with faculty which adds experience to their academic activities.

Talent-focused. The scholars will attend scholarly activities, present research findings and research papers, assist faculty in writing books, and attend various conferences to enhance one's talents.

Being a part of the USP offers a lot of great opportunities for students. Some of the benefits for participating in the program are sum-

mer internships, possible opportunities for full paid tuition to postgraduate studies, and becoming a part of student organizations within University Scholars.

Advanced placement in classes can also be achieved. Finally, at the

completion of the program, students will be awarded an USP cord and pendant in a formal ceremony and the achievement will be noted on the recipient's permanent

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CAMPUS NEWS

PVAMU will display massive historic sites

By Candace Johnson
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) has received an honor so outstanding that people from all walks of life will gather to see it.

This phenomenal honor is the establishment of an Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture on the campus of PVAMU.

The mission of the institute is to collect, preserve, study and make available research information, records, documents, artifacts and other items relating to the role and contributions of African-Americans and Texas History and culture.

"In this institute we want to provide information about the whole aspect of our culture, how we mix and are involved with 100 other races," said Frank Jackson, Special Assistant to the President for

Governmental Affairs.

Consistent with its mission, the institute plans to establish a museum which would include an Imax theater that will seat 1,000-2,000 people, an auditorium, static displays, replica schools and houses.

The planned site of the truly historic undertaking will begin in front of Hobart Taylor Hall and stretch around Jones Intermediate School. It will then continue behind Holley Hall and end near the student park.

"The idea is to enhance the landscape you see as you enter Prairie View," Jackson said.

The funding for this institute will be granted from federal dollars and strengthened by the help of private foundations.

"When people recognize the restoration of knowledge it causes motivation," Jackson continued.

Dawn of a New Era



Erin Stevenson, 1999-2000 Miss Krimson and Kreme, takes her victory walk across the stage of Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. The pageant was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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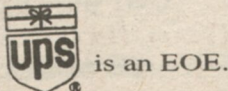
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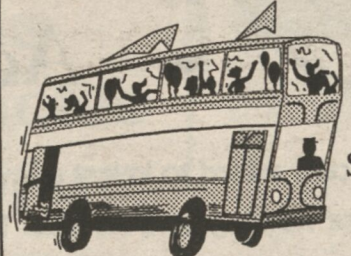
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CAMPUS NEWS

PVAMU storms through the end of 1999



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Left: Jamaal Foster advances for yardage against Howard Payne University. Right: Band 'Box' members play "Something Inside So Strong" for fans at the Nov. 23 game against Oklahoma Panhandle State.

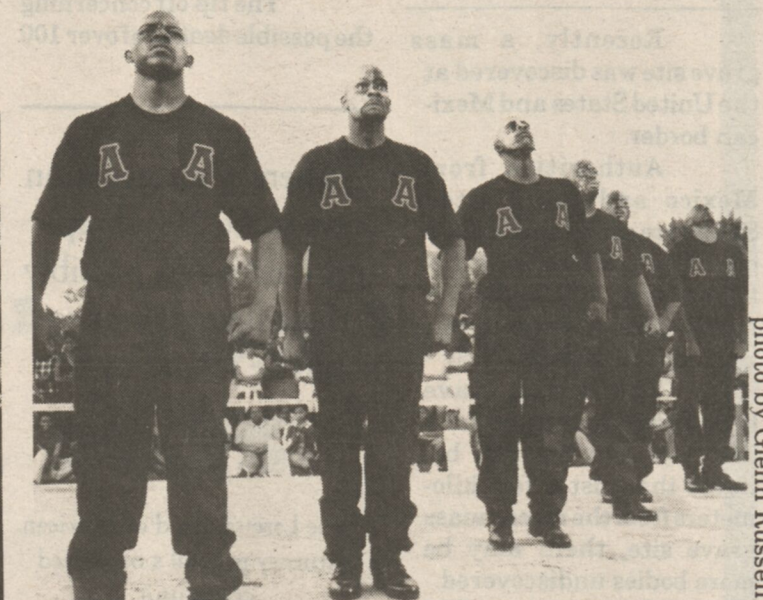


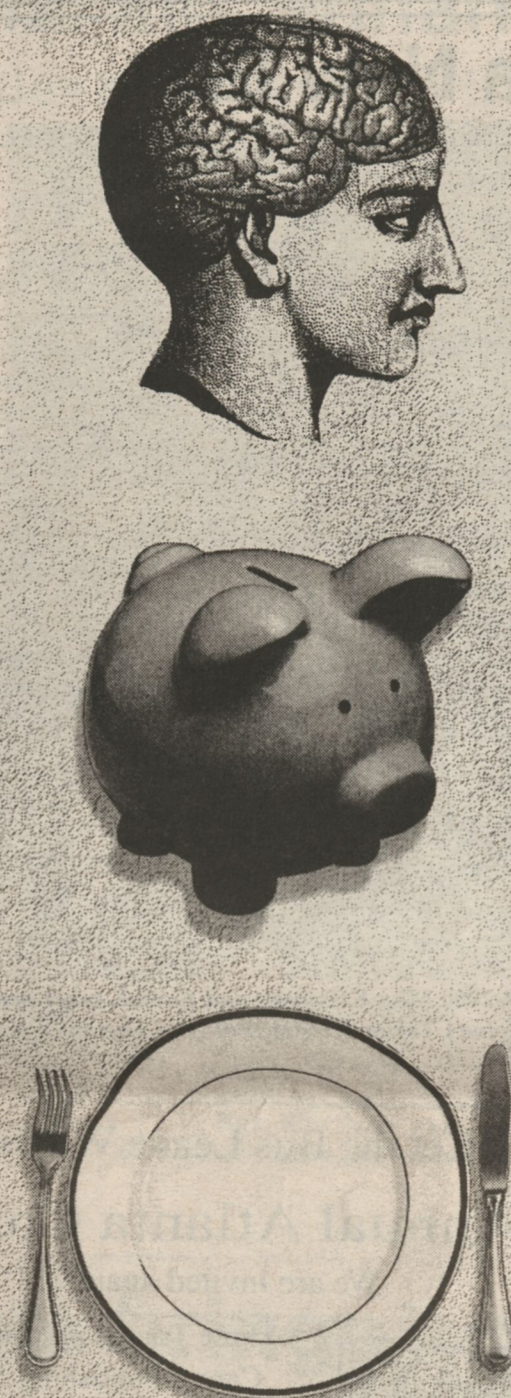
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Top: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. members, Justin Harris, Barry Ward, Terrence Latson, James Gilford, Kenyon Johnson, and Adam Ryon participate in the fall probate show. Middle: Black Fox members 'show out' during the Oklahoma Panhandle State game. Bottom: Mime of America dancers provide inspiration for the last homecoming of 1999.

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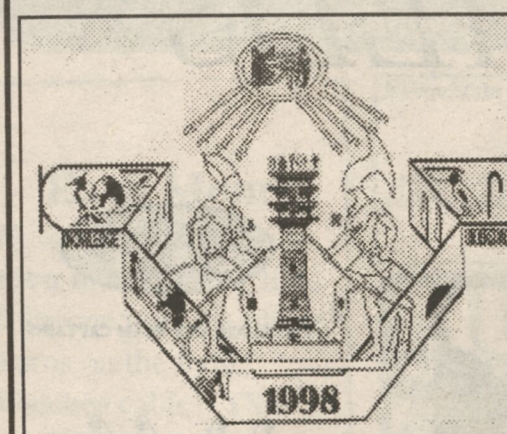
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By Joyce Dixon
Editor-in-Chief

The latest talk around campus is about one of the youngest groups at Prairie View A&M University, the Alkebulon Society.

The Alkebulon Society began in April of this year with the help of former psychology professor, Dr. Kevin Washington and recent PV graduate, Alzo Slade, Jr.

Alkebulon meaning "mother of mankind" was chosen as the name for the group as they are trying to redefine the roles of manhood and womanhood and bring them together in unity.

Borrowing from an ancient Egyp-

New campus group promotes unity, learning

tian concept, "man know thyself," the Society's purpose is to "create an environment on campus for people to learn about themselves," said member, Kendall McDonald.

The group, though small in number, is big on action.

They boast a wide variety of activities for all PVAMU students including a book club, a stock market investment club and a host of seminars.

The Alkebulon Society were responsible for bringing Ashra Kweisi to campus.

Under the leadership of alcohol and drug counselor, Darryl Williams and Owens-Franklin Health Center director, Thelma Pierre, the group of five continue to do great things to empower PV students.

The Alkebulon Society's favorite Kool-Aid®: Black Berry

This feature was added to give recognition to outstanding campus leaders, organizations and individuals. The Panther solicits any nominations from students, faculty and staff honorees for this section.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mass gravesite found near Mexico

By Yauna Estes
Copy Editor

Recently, a mass grave site was discovered at the United States and Mexican border.

Authorities from Mexico and the United States are examining a mass grave site where it is believed over 100 bodies of Mexican and Americans citizens may be buried.

The bodies have been being unearthed for a few days and the FBI believes that just a few kilometers from the recent mass grave site, there may be more bodies undiscovered.

There are now FBI agents and Mexican investigators in Mexico aiding in the recovery and body identifications.

It is also said that people had been tortured before they were murdered and buried at the grave site.

The tip off concerning the possible deaths of over 100

"There is information on some 100 disappearances and possibly these disappearances can be solved by this investigation."

- Jose Laretta, head of Mexican Attorney general's organized crime unit

people came during a massive drug seizure and drug bust in El Paso, Texas.

The site in Ciudad

Juarez Mexico sits across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

There have been people disappearing from these areas for quite some time, including people from Ciudad Juarez.

The same technology that was used to locate bodies in the mass destruction in Kosovo is being used in this case. This technology includes an advanced radar system.

According to the exciting newswatch online, Jose Laretta, head of the Mexican Attorney General's organized crime unit said there is information on some 100 disappearances and possibly these disappearances can be solved by this investigation.

The bodies are believed to be victims of Mexican drug cartel, one of the largest suppliers of cocaine to North America.



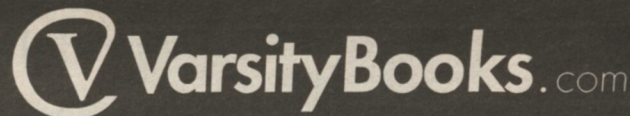
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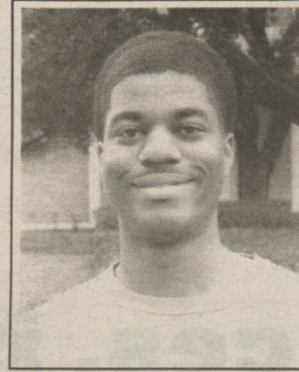
Students look at societal issues and music: Does mainstream violence, abuse result from explicit lyrics?



Felicia Walker

"A good musician must bear in mind the effects he or she has on society. If negative responses and violent actions become constant responses from that person's music, money should be the least of their concerns."

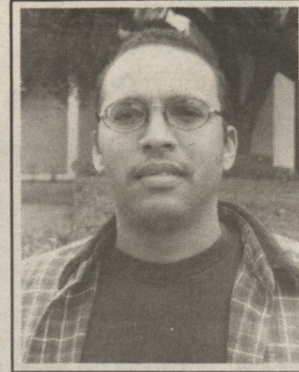
-Felicia Walker



Lashumba Robinson

"Artists need to change their music because it is changing children's lives, making them turn to gangs and violence for answers to the problems they have."

-Lashumba Robinson



Erik Holland

"If our children listen to junk, what more can we expect them to manifest besides junk?"

-Erik Holland



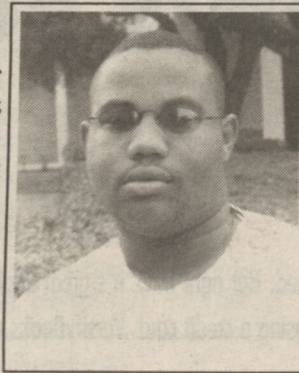
Chanique McMahon

"In the case of rappers, (music) is how they express themselves, and it's not their fault that one person's experience is another's experiment."

-Chanique McMahon

"Rapping or singing about going to college would be a big step in the influence this music has on today's teenagers."

-Paul Tatum



Paul Tatum

"Are we supposed to punish the artists for the things they say and do? No! Violent actions have been taking place before music was put on vinyl. That's how America came about. Columbus fought the Indians and took over. We can't blame the peace pipe or the Mayflower for that."

-Chandra Cannon



Chandra Cannon



Jamaea Walker

"Music artists should have the right to their freedom of speech when giving a message through their music."

-Jamaea Walker



Dena Judge

"Artists are very popular and influential; they should not be able to write explicit lyrics in their songs."

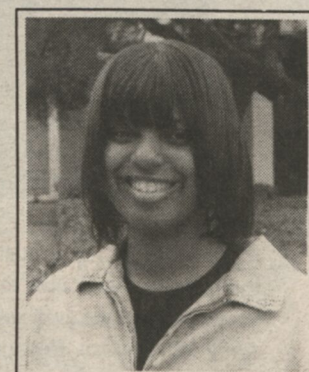
-Dena Judge



Nicole Flonory

"It's not the lyrics of the music that tell an individual to go and do wrong. It's the individual telling himself or herself to do wrong."

-Nicole Flonory



LaToria Maura

"If artists become more responsible for their music, listeners would not be more apt to act in a lewd manner."

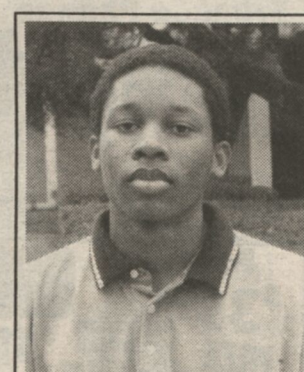
-LaToria Maura



Shawnte' Mitchell

"Music is an expression of one's beliefs, and music is put out there strictly for the enjoyment of the people."

-Shawnte' Mitchell



Lee Tillman

"We treat music like it's a giant living in a hillside coming down to visit the townspeople."

-Lee Tillman

University survey reveals high violent content in today's music

Violence in the music industry has become a major issue and a hot debate topic all over America.

Legislatures nationwide are fighting the battle to censor and remove song lyrics that include mainstream violence and abuse.

The appearance of violence is found in all genres of music from country to rock and roll.

How do music listeners respond to complaints about the music in society?

In an interactive poll taken by Billboard Online, readers asked about "the violent imagery often expressed in gangster rap."

Thirty-five percent of people surveyed said rap "exposes important societal problems."

Males and females are victims equally of the lures of explicit lyrics in music.

Violence in music has become a norm for many music artists, especially rappers.

In a survey conducted at Harvard University, researchers observed four of the

most popular music video networks: Black Entertainment Television, Country Music Television, Music Television (MTV) and Video Hits-1.

For the survey, researchers trained college students, aged 17-24 years, to analyze the videos for violent content.

Of the 518 videos examined, 76 or 15 percent of the videos showed acts of interpersonal violence.

The videos showed a mean of six acts of violence per 2-3 minute-long segments which amounted to a total of 462 shootings, stabbings, punching and kicking acts in 76 videos.

With thousands of violent lyrics and videos produced everyday, who should be held accountable for their impact on society?

Should the music industry and artists take greater responsibility for what they produce?

By Felicia Walker
Panther Staff

ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLES

Carey sings "Rainbow" of songs



"Me an Mariah, go back like babies n' pacifiers."

These words echoed in listeners' heads after the song *Fantasy* hit the airwaves.

The song *Fantasy* was one of Mariah Carey's many hits from her earlier albums.

However, these words would mark the end of the old era of Carey.

For the new millennium Carey hits the scene with another album *Rainbow*.

Her song "Heartbreaker" has been on the MTV countdown for months, and is one of the top 10 songs played on every radio station in the United States and across the country.

As a whole this album is quite different from the old Carey albums.

To be quite honest it is okay, but it could have been much better.

Carey fans are accustomed to hit after hit, ballads, as well as songs they can shake and dance to.

Rainbow it is not bad, nor horrible, but it could have been much better.

This album gets three stars out of five.

By Yauna Estes

Copy Editor

Mos Def, Black on Both Sides

The latest CD by Mos Def, *"Black On Both Sides,"* is such a wake up call.

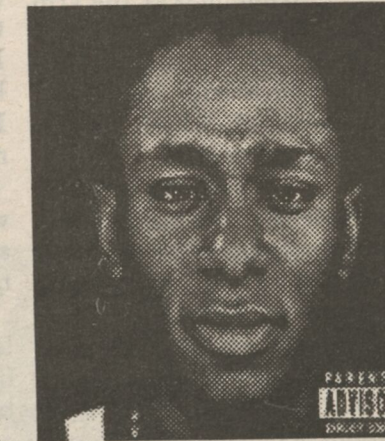
Simply put, this is the best recording I've heard all year.

The second release of Rawkus Records for the year is Mos' solo debut.

Along with fellow MC Talib Kweli and DJ Hi Tek, he put out the self-titled *Black Star* album in summer 1998, just in time to forecast the falling off of No Limit and Bad Boy as factors in the music industry.

Heads worldwide were open already from Mos' guest appearances on the *Black Star* Cd, as well as The Lyricist Lounge, so when the

release date hit, certain stores remained open past midnight to give the fiends their vinyl fix. I was one of those heads.



What Mos Def has done is marry beats for booty shakers with words for think-

ers, and the result is INCREDIBLE.

I challenge anyone who reads this article to listen to the second cut "Love" and not nod their head in appreciation of the music and the lyrics.

The released single "Ms Fat Booty", barring the wack title, is beyond dope.

Using a simple Aretha Franklin loop as the hook, Mos builds about his perfect woman, who still manages to leave despite all best efforts.

By Jon Cook

Panther Staff

20 The Best of Questions

1. Why do people e-mail their friends who they see everyday?
2. Do illiterate people really get the full effect of alphabet soup?
3. Shouldn't the Office of Student Activities be renamed Dickens and Simmons Activities?
4. Why is G.T so worrisome?
5. What genius, and we use that loosely, discovered the southside fade?
6. What's the value of the washateria lady's mouth?
7. Isn't PV the only place on earth where you can walk right up to a squirrel and look it in the eyes?
8. Why are there more roaches in Fuller Hall than students?
9. What's up with the Cornnuts' "Bust-a-Nut" commercial?
10. If PV is supposed to be a business, why aren't the customers always right?
11. Why do some professors who can't speak English very well get mad when you ask them to repeat themselves?
12. Excuse me miss, wasn't your hair short yesterday?
13. While we're on fashion dos and donts, who was the brother who wore the orange leather shorts with suede boots on Friday and then turned around and wore gold leather shorts on Saturday?
14. Why are the Village electric bills so damn high?
15. Is it because the Village has stopped paying their \$25 portion without telling anyone?
16. Does the bookstore raise the prices of books each semester just to see how much we will pay?
17. Did the rude employees of Taco Bell transfer to the front desk of Finanical Aid?
18. What's up with the campus' tired I-wish-I-was-a-real-cop policeman?
19. Why is it that the only thing PV does on time is close?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 114 in the MSC. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

PHAT "Wood Wheel"
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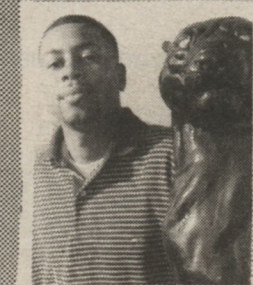
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SPORTS NEWS

What have Black athletes gained from integration?



By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

Everytime I turn on the television and watch college athletics, a small part of me is burning inside. What I am burning at is how the predominately white colleges (PWC) are exploiting black athletes. They are making tons of money off of blacks and all they are getting in return is free tuition. Granted, free tuition is something few have but the players are worth much more.

For example, look at the \$6 billion dollar NCAA tournament deal CBS brokered last month. Six billion? That's roughly one dollar for every citizen on earth.

These people are shelling out this large amount of money for the right to televise college basketball and the NCAA will not allow stipends for its participants. What I am wondering is what the NCAA is doing with all the money generated off of the tournament and the CBS deal.

Anyway, back to the main issue at hand. What I cannot understand is why these black athletes keep flocking to these PWC's at a rapid pace. It is obvious that these schools want them there just to bounce or run the ball. It is fine when the players are winning, but when they are losing, watch out. Let's review several cases this past year concerning the issue.

Earlier this year, Michigan State University point guard Mateen Cleaves was involved in a shoplifting scheme at a local convenience store. Fortunately, he is welcomed back by the university with open arms due to their Final Four appearance earlier this year.

At Texas A&M, star running back Dante Hall was kicked off the football team after an apparent argument with head coach R.C. Slocum. I would bet my next meal that if A&M was in contention for the national title, he would have remained on the team and received a verbal reprimand. That's what losing can do for you.

What can I say? As a student attending an HBCU, we can not offer the "glamorous life" the PWC throws at prospective students. All the HBCUs can offer an athlete is "real life," which most players do not want to face.

Integration had a negative effect on HBCUs. The stronghold they use to have on black talent was sucked away by their white counterparts (often by "paid" black recruiters). It wouldn't bother me if the blacks were gaining something from this, but it is obvious they aren't.

Hopefully, one day these young black athletes will see the light. The HBCUs are the schools that need us, PWCs don't. In order to make them see the light, HBCUs need to expose themselves in a positive light on a consistent basis. Also, the alumni from these respective schools have to stop bad mouthing their own institutions.

I am saying that because the majority of these stars we see at the collegiate level have parents that are

Showdown in Hawaii

By Ryan McGinty
Panther Staff

Lady Panthers earn to NCAA berth after 18-16 season

As a result of their SWAC Tournament victory two weeks ago, the Lady Panther Volleyball team traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to face the University of Hawaii in the first round of the 1999 NCAA Volleyball Tournament.

Prairie View (18-16) is making their first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament. They are the sixteenth-seeded team in the Mountain Region of the tournament. The winner of the PVUH match will face the winner of the Utah/Colorado first round match.

The Hawaii Wahine (29-1) is the number one seeded team in the Mountain Region. They earned an automatic berth into the tournament after winning the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) regular season title. The Hawaii Wahine are ranked third nationally, and they will be a true test for the Lady Panthers.

"We need to be able to execute our offense," said head coach Alicia Pete. "They are extremely tall, they have several girls over six feet on their team. They have plenty of NCAA tournament experience and some great players."

Another obstacle the Lady Panthers face in their first round match up is playing Hawaii on their home court. Since they are the hosts of the tournament, the Lady Wahines have the possibility to play at home the



Photos by Glenn Russell

After getting off to a slow start, the Panther volleyball team regrouped to make their first appearance to the NCAA tournament.

entire tournament. Prairie View has to overcome the long plane ride, the adjustment to new surroundings in addition to their match.

What makes the trip special for the Panthers is that they fielded a championship caliber team with only three scholarships, which is the NCAA minimum.

Throughout the season they faced teams that had stronger financial backing and proved that they are equal or better in some cases.

Assistant Coach Louise Madison hopes this kind of exposure makes Panther alumni and supporters take note.

"The success we have experienced this year should

help the program overall," said Madison. "This trip should help generate the alumni support we need."

With players such as SWAC Tournament MVP Chanel Herderson, Katrena Hurst and Tenisha Dillird to lead the Lady Panthers, both Pete and Madison expect nothing but the very best.

"I am confident we will represent the SWAC," said Madison. "Our goal is to take it one game at a time."

In addition to the volleyball match, the PVU mens basketball team will also travel to Hawaii to participate in the University of Hawaii Invitational. The Panthers will face the University of Hawaii on Saturday.

Top seeds square of in championship

Southern and Jackson State set to battle for SWAC crown

By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

After thirteen weeks of competitive football, the SWAC Championship game is finally set.

The Jackson State Tigers of the SWAC East and the Southern University Jaguars of the SWAC West will square off Saturday Dec. 11 in the inaugural Health South SWAC Championship game at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. The winner of the game will play MEAC representative Hampton University in the McDonald's Heritage Bowl on Saturday, December 18.

Southern defeated Jackson State in Jackson, Mississ. earlier this year, and the Tigers are eager for the rematch.

Jackson State (9-2, 4-0 SWAC East) draws comparisons to the Dallas Cowboys and the Indianapolis Colts due to their three offensive stars. The Tigers feature quarterback Mark Washington and all-SWAC selections Destry Wright (RB) and Sylvester Morris (WR). The Tiger defense is lead by linebacker

Tommie Head, who was named defensive player of the year by the SWAC.

In order to beat Southern, the Tigers are will have to cut down on the mental mistakes that plagued them in their loss to Southern earlier in the year. In addition to their Southern loss, the Tigers only other defeat came at the hands of Tennessee State, who was the number one seed in the NCAA 1-AA playoffs this year.

Interim head coach Robert Hughes said his Tigers are ready for a rematch with the Jaguars.

"We're looking forward to playing Southern in the inaugural SWAC championship game," stated Hughes. "It just seems right that the two top teams in the SWAC play each other for the SWAC championship. It's good for the city of Birmingham because it'll be very crowded. Destiny put these two teams together again, "We felt we didn't play our best game (vs. Southern) in Jackson."

Southern (10-1, 4-0

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Spotlight

Shayla Mickens

Age: 21

Hometown:
Detroit, Mich.

Fantasy Dinner:
Morris Chestnut
Method Man
Larenz Tate

Favorite Movie:
Love Jones

Favorite Food
Macaroni and Cheese

Major:
Computer Engineering
Technology



photo by Glenn Russell

"Everything happens for a reason."
- Shayla Mickens

SWAC West) enters the game coming off an emotional win last Saturday against archrival Grambling. Down 31-10 at halftime, the Jaguars reeled off 26 second half points to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Jaguars will be without the services of starting quarterback Troy Williams who hurt his hip in the Grambling game and is out for the season. Backup Terrance Levy, who spearheaded the Southern come-

back, will replace Williams as the starter. The defensive line is the strength of the Jaguar defense; seniors Damarcus Miller and Gillis Wilson lead them.

In addition to the championship game, there will be several other events held in the city of Birmingham. The SWAC Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held as well as the Alabama A&M and Jackson State basketball game. After the football game, the first ever SWAC Band Extravaganza will be held also.

The plans for the extravaganza are to showcase all ten of the SWAC marching bands. Each band is supposed to perform an eight-minute show on the field. What makes this event special is that the SWAC has offered to pick up the tabs for each band. They are providing 65 hotel rooms for each band, free transportation, and a gift for each individual marcher.

The game will be televised on Black Entertainment Television (BET) on a tape delay basis.

Ryan's Picks

Prairie View over Hawaii
NCAA Volleyball Match

Prairie View over Hawaii
NCAA Men's Basketball Match

Jackson State over Southern
SWAC Championship

Florida A&M over Troy State
NCAA 1-AA Playoffs

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In Brief
Concert Chorale presents two performances

The Prairie View A&M University Department of Music and Drama will present the University Concert Chorale in two holiday concert performances on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 3115 Blodgett, in Houston, and on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Hobart Taylor Building on the campus of PVAMU. Admission is free, donations will be accepted. All contributions will benefit the Choir Scholarship and Development Fund. For more information call (409) 857-3390.

Annual can food drive at Hempstead Elementary

This year will mark the second anniversary of a community service project held at Hempstead Elementary in support of the Adopt-A-Family Program. Epsilon, along with the help of the assistant principal Tina Johnson and secretary Debbie Tiner, was able to collect well over 1,000 cans to support three families in the Hempstead community. Local area grocers also aided in the efforts by donating turkeys and other perishable food items.

COMING ATTRACTIONS	
MON	*Dec. 6 Pick up Miss Prairie View packets in MSC Rm 116 *Dec. 6 Community service forms must be turned in *Dec. 13 Grades due in registrar's office for graduation *Dec. 20 Final grades due in registrar's office (12:00 noon)
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THUR	*Dec. 9 - 11 Graduation Candidates' Final Exam Period *Dec. 9 Jan. 11 Ramadan
FRI	*New Years • Millennium *Dec. 17 Semester Ends *Dec. 3 Erve Chanukah
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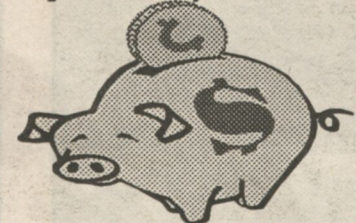
SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The Piggy Bank

United States Department of Commerce: U.S. Bureau is recruiting and hiring field workers to conduct door to door Census interviews. Hiring for census Crew Leaders and Enumerators will begin in late January or early February. These temporary jobs are expected to last about 2-4 months. The hours are flexible. The Census Bureau is looking for people who can work full-time or part-time in the evenings and weekends. Apply now to allow time for application processing. For application locations in your community call (361)570-6091 or toll free 1-888-325-7733. Application and testing takes two hours.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program: The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, administered by the United Negro College Fund, will provide scholarships and fellowships for outstanding low-income African-American, Native American, Hispanic American, and Asian American students to attend the undergraduate and graduate institutions of their choice. **Requirements:** Applicants for the Gates Scholars must be a citizen of the United States. More information

about the scholars program can be found at www.gatesfoundation.org. For complete information on the Gates Millennium Scholars program, please visit www.gmsp.org. Additional information is also available through the United Negro College Fund, <http://www.uncf.org>, the American Indian College Fund, and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, <http://www.hsf.net>.



Glossary of Useful Terms

Cash flow projection: The estimate of your income and expenses for any given period.

Collateral: Something of value pledged as security for a loan. Banks do not require collateral for all loans.

Fixed interest: A rate of interest which is set at the time of the loan and remains constant over the life of the loan.

Grace period: The reasonable length of time allowed by program specifications for postponement of repayment of loans, during which a borrower incurs no penalty. Some loan programs have no grace period; others may not require repayment to begin for several months.

Prime Rate: A fluctuating interest rate which banks charge to their best business customers.

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COMIC RELIEF

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"I think it's wonderful that students are now allowed to use federal aid to broaden their education in order to become more marketable after graduation," Armstrong said.

Honor from page 4

the recipient's permanent transcript. The guidelines for becoming a USP are as follows: The Presidential Scholars are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher, and have scored at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT. The Distinguished Scholars must have a 3.3 GPA or higher, and have scored at least 1050-1199 on the SAT and between 24-26 on the ACT. For Academic Excellence, the students must have at least a 3.2 GPA and 1000-1049 on the SAT or at least 23 on the ACT. Students interested in becoming a University Scholar, please contact Dr. Benita Bailey at (409) 857-4116.

It is important to have a college honors program because it gives those students who are high achievers a chance to be recognized...

-Benita Bailey

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Professor Flunkem challenges you to create a mathematical expression that is equal to 1,000,000 using eight digits. However, the digits can only be 3's and 1's.

Answer: $\frac{313,333 \times 3}{3} + 1 = 1,000,000$

Just Chillin' By: Quincy Higgins

WZUP, WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK THE PEOPLE THAT READ THIS COMIC STRIP.

SO WE'RE GOING TO READ SOME OF THE LETTERS YOU SENT IN!

YIPPIE.

LET'S READ THE FIRST LETTER: "DEAR JUST CHILLIN', YOUR STRIP SUCKS..."

UM WAIT, LET'S TRY ANOTHER ONE: "DEAR JUST CHILLIN', I'VE READ OBITUARIES FUNNIER THAN THIS."

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Changes: 1. Earring & missing 2. Box is closed 3. Doll's hair is missing 4. Girl's shirt is stained 5. Mom's color is different 6. Girl's shirt is stained

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ACROSS

1 Sudden fancy

5 Jackson 5 hit

8 Theater award

12 Proposed continental currency

13 Abbr. on a book's binding

14 Blueprint "Mouse"

17 El -- Texas

18 Loan star?

19 Herds

21 Solidify

22 Fleetwood Mac hit

23 Gist

26 Guitar-neck feature

28 Costume

31 Earthenware pot

33 Johnny's band-leader

35 Cupola

36 "Unsolved Mysteries" host

38 Slot insert

40 Vanna's cohort

41 Part of the face

43 Shape shifter?

45 Inuit

47 Bicycle seat style

51 Love too much

7 Split

8 Anti

9 Use e.g.

10 "All - of You" (song)

11 Eve's grandson

16 Hold on to

20 Schiepp 23 Ph. bk.

24 Last: abbr.

25 Semi-formal

27 Understood

29 Actress

30 Favorite

32 Most in

need of a rubdown

34 Savoy.

37 Kipling lad

39 Bric-a-brac

42 Aristocratic

44 Bracelet

45 Dutch locale

46 To a degree

48 Touch

49 Asta's mistress

50 Skater's jump

53 Depressed

THE FINAL WORD

Guest Commentary There's no place like home

Tameka Robinson
Special to the Panther

My days at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) have come to an end.

If I could turn back the time I would not change a thing, for my college years at this university have been the best times of my life.

I have truly found it a pleasure to attend the great-

est university on Earth.

I can recall being a freshman at Texas Southern University in the Fall of 1995.

My spirits were low because I was not accustomed to being in a big city such as

Houston. When school ended in the Spring of 1996, I rushed to get my things together so that I could transfer to PVAMU.

What made me transfer?

I figured since my mother graduated from this wonderful university, I might as well follow in her footsteps.

Plus, one day I came to visit the campus and found some of the nicest and friendliest people walking around on the 'Yard'.

My spirits were up and at 'em when I arrived at Pantherland in the Fall of 1996!

I can recall all the great experiences I encountered

PALS taught me how to interact with different students on the campus, the qualities of a good leader and how to take charge when others won't step to the plate.

I also gained many unforgettable friends through this program and I commend Ms. Simmons and Mr. Dickens for taking the time out to work with the PALS program.

All the times I had to wait in the financial aid office taught me that patience is a virtue.

Plus, the longer the wait, the bigger the (overpayment) check.

In my opinion, I think PVAMU has the 'crunkiest' basketball games and I count

Naturally, the country's premiere leadership school offers only the finest classrooms.



Room 301

As I venture off into the world I know that I will always be a product of Prairie View A&M University because this university truly does produce productive people! I know that my higher learning experience at this university will linger in my mind forever. I am proud to call PVAMU my alma mater because indeed, there is no place like home.

-Robinson

while at this university.

I remember the days when I lived in Drew Hall on the fourth floor, known to many as the 'penthouse'.

I remember when I lived in Banks, L.O. Evans, and stepped up to the first class privatized housing we all know as the University Village.

I will always cherish the Baby Dome parties because that is where I relieved a lot of stress.

I would like to thank this university for letting me experience the wonderful joys of trying to become a DJ, writing for The Panther newspaper, making flyers for student government, and just simply being a PAL for the incoming freshmen.

it as a blessing to have been at this school when the football team finally won a game.

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I am proud to call PVAMU my alma mater because indeed, there is no place like home!

I would like to dedicate this article to Alpha Kappa Alpha's 84 Legends of Mystique Fall 98. Remember, there is strength in unity and I love you all.

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